

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 9-28 and 32-55 are pending in this application.

Claims 1, 5, 23 and 32 have been amended by the present Amendment.

Amended claims 1, 5, 23 and 32 do not introduce any new subject matter.

Claims 42-44 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of (1) claims 1-15, 18-25, 28 and 32-54 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2002/0003571 ("Schofield") in view of WO 02/073964 ("Wong"); and (2) claims 16-17, 26-27 and 55 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schofield in view of Wong.

Claims 1 and 23 recite, *inter alia*, at least one strap that passes through a groove positioned between a front wall and a back wall of the video display device, wherein top and bottom sides of the video display device connect the front and back walls to each other, and the top and bottom sides include respective holes therein for receiving the at least one strap therethrough.

Claim 32 recites, *inter alia*, that the membrane includes a flap that is opened to provide an opening through which the video display device is placed in the structure, and wherein the flap wraps around part of the body portion to removably fasten the flap to a back wall of the body portion.

Applicant respectfully submits that Schofield, when taken alone, or in combination with Wong does not disclose or suggest the strap configuration or the membrane as claimed.

Claims 1 and 23

The cited references do not disclose or suggest the claimed strap that passes through a groove positioned between front and back walls of the display device, wherein top and bottom sides of the video display device connect the front and back walls to each other, and the top and bottom sides include respective holes therein for receiving the at least one strap therethrough.

For example, referring to Fig. 3C of Applicant's disclosure, a strap 15 passes through a groove 17 located between front and back walls 11 and 12. Top and bottom sides of the video display device connect the front and back walls 11, 12 to each other, and the top and bottom sides include respective holes therein for receiving the at least one strap 15 therethrough.

In contrast to the claimed embodiments, in Wong, the hood 84, referred to at page 7, lines 12-15 cited by the Examiner, does not pass through holes in top and bottom sides of the VDU 36.

Accordingly, for at least this reason, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 23 are patentable over Schofield, when taken alone, or in combination with Wong.

In addition, for at least the reason that claims 2-6 and 9-22 depend from claim 1, and claims 24-28 depend from claim 23, claims 2-6, 9-22 and 24-28 are also submitted to be patentable over the cited references.

Claim 32

The cited references do not disclose or suggest the claimed membrane that includes a flap that is opened to provide an opening through which the video display device is placed in the structure, and wherein the flap wraps around part of the body

portion to removably fasten the flap to a back wall of the body portion.

For example, Applicant's disclosure states that the membrane 125 includes a flap 126 which wraps around a top portion of the body portion 105 and adheres to a back side 112 of the body portion 105. The flap adheres to the back side 112 with a fastening means capable of being opened and closed. See, e.g., Applicant's disclosure, ¶ 0043, and Figs. 5B-5E.

In contrast to the claimed embodiments, what the Examiner refers to as membranes in Schofield (elements 6730 and 6738 in Fig. 67) do not include the claimed flap. Furthermore, the cited portion of Wong (page 7, lines 12-15) does not cure this deficiency in Schofield.

Accordingly, for at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 32 is patentable over Schofield, when taken alone, or in combination with Wong.

In addition, for at least the reason that claims 33-41 and 45-55 depend from claim 32, claims 33-41 and 45-55 are also submitted to be patentable over the cited references, claims 42-44 having been canceled.

As such, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of claims 1-6, 9-28 and 32-55 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

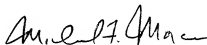
DEPENDENT CLAIMS

Applicant has not independently addressed the rejections of all the dependent claims because Applicant submits that, in view of the amendments to the claims presented herein and, for at least similar reasons as why the independent claims from which the dependent claims depend are believed allowable as discussed, *supra*, the dependent claims are also allowable. Applicant however, reserves the right to address

any individual rejections of the dependent claims should such be necessary or appropriate.

An early and favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any further questions or comments, the Examiner may telephone Applicant's Attorney to reach a prompt disposition of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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